



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are well and managing in these challenging times. I hope that you managed to take some time out over half term despite the weather!

Firstly, I wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support and efforts during this time. We know how challenging home learning can be and we hope that for those children who haven't attended school during this period of time, we have been able to effectively support you at home with our remote learning offer and any other additional support you may have needed during this lockdown period. I know that the children at home have been working very hard alongside their peers in school and this has been recognised by the staff teams- a very heartfelt thank you for all your help with this.

You will be aware that the government have now announced the return of all pupils on the 8th March and we look forward to welcoming all children back on this date. Attendance for pupils is mandatory on this date unless your child is 'extremely clinically vulnerable' and you have received a shielding letter for your child. If you have any concerns regarding your child returning to school, please do contact the school and we can help with any queries or concerns. Please contact the office to speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

As we have been open during this lockdown period, we will continue to follow DFE guidance and review our whole school risk assessment to update if necessary. Staff will continue to be tested twice a week and class 'bubbles' will remain in place. Visitors to the school will remain limited and we will continue to clean every classroom; communal spaces and high contact areas- surfaces, door handles etc. throughout the school day. The risk assessment is published on the school website for you to access and read. Again, if you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this please don't hesitate to get in touch.

I will keep you updated when any further government guidance/information is issued over the next few days.

Best wishes,
Ruth Carpenter

Headteacher